

Quality Measurement Using Episode Groupers

ISSUE: How do episode groupers work using Medicare data to measure quality?

KEY POINTS: The Commission is exploring the use of episode groupers on Medicare claims to better understand how these tools might work for Medicare. Because efficiency is defined both by resource use and quality, we are also examining quality indicators in our analyses. This presentation explores the quality measurement component of episode groupers and compares health care claims with evidence-based best practices for specific clinical conditions using data from a 100 percent sample of Medicare claims for six metropolitan statistical areas.

ACTION: Commissioners should provide staff feedback on research design and the implications of the preliminary findings to help focus future work.

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